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The American Union Against Militarism

Is a Combination of Pacifist, Yellow Streaked Citizens and Arrant Cowards.—Financed By the Friends of Germany and Local Shylocks, Who Are Afraid That War Will Interfere With a Few Weeks Collection of Their Dollar-Down-and-Dollar-a-Week Schemes.

Senator Atlee Pomerene expressed the real American idea when he stated that "George Washington had his Tories; Abraham Lincoln had his copperheads, and Woodrow Wilson—well, he has the pacifists and some foreigners."

Is the Spirit of '76 a dream?

Must the manhood of America become neuter gender in order that Germany may dominate the world and a few installment house patriots be not deprived of their weekly collections?

When the shylocks of business, from the banker down to the lender-upon-your-salary, with the assistance of a foreign government want to make the flag of this country look like a lot of yellow streaks it is time for American citizens to know who and what is behind this sudden desire under the name of pacifists, to make us a nation of arrant cowards.

This Country is honey-combed with spies to such an extent that the Government has been forced to pass a law providing for severe penalties for spying on matters of national defense and punishing conspiracies to violate American neutrality. It should have gone further and made the terms so stringent as to even imperil American liberty of speech and press in order to reach such montebank organizations as the "American Union Against Militarism," who, under the guise of keeping us out of war, whether intentionally or not, are really throwing obstacles in the way of the government which tends to tie the hands of our officials by demanding that congress order a referendum as to whether we should fight or not, after we have been driven into a corner by this mad dog of Europe.

"Militarism" is repugnant to every American citizen; it began and was developed by the Hohenzollerns of Prussia and has caused more suffering in this world than any other one thing could do.

Labor is against it; the President and congress are against it, and the people are against it, therefore the use of that word "militarism" by this coterie of yellow streaked citizens and money lenders is a disgrace to American ideals. If they want a referendum and are true to the title of this organization why not have one against "militarism," but why use that word in the present crisis, when as a matter of fact all Americans know that these schemes will not stop President Wilson from doing his plain duty as he sees it.

This gang, led by Jeremiah O'Leary, circulated false statements against Mr. Wilson last November when he was a candidate for re-election.

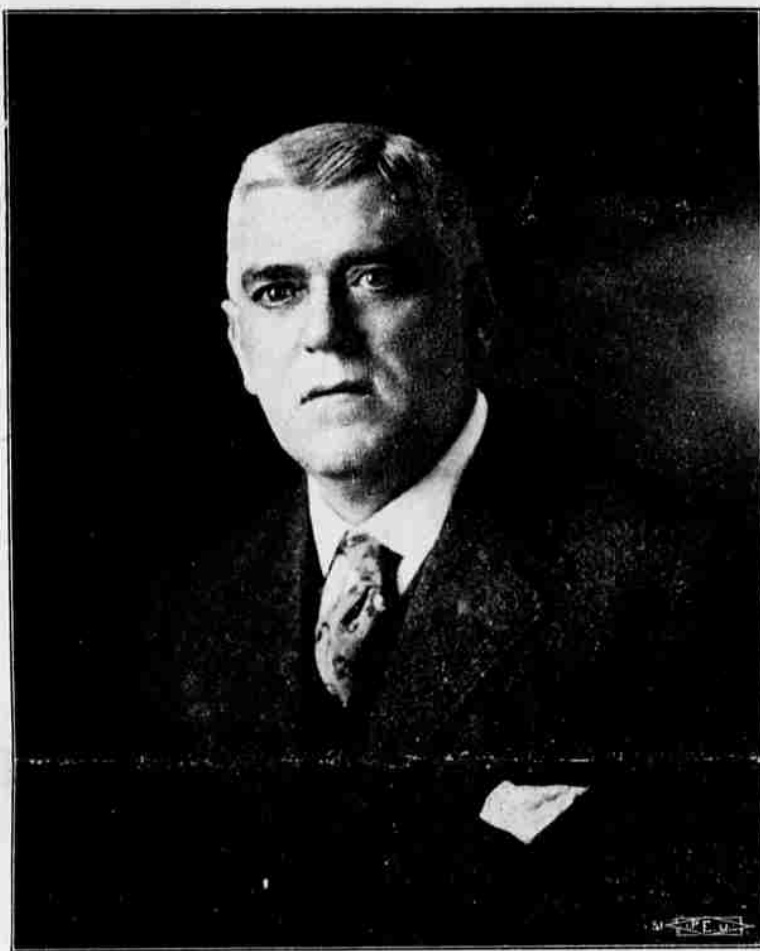
This gang has been endeavoring to create a feeling of discord in this country ever since the war began, until they had the Kaiser under the impression that they had the President bluffed and that he was afraid to do his duty.

The Cincinnati Post in an editorial of a few days ago printed the following: "At each recurring crisis in our relations with Germany during the past two years an agitation for peace-at-any-price, nation wide in its scope, has developed almost over night."

"The first manifestation followed President Wilson's note to Germany, saying that the United States would hold the German government to strict accountability if it torpedoed merchant ships without warning."

"When the Lusitania was torpedoed and upward of a hundred Americans murdered in calculated defiance of President Wilson's threat, the agitation for peace-at-any-price was instantly renewed; again when the Sussex was torpedoed and more Americans killed; again when the conspiracy to blow up American munition plants was tracked to the very doors of the German and Austrian embassies."

"There is no doubt that in every instance this agitation was inspired directly from Berlin, for the purpose of neutralizing the fast-growing sen-



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Who will succeed Martin Daly as Councilman-at-large next week, is an old union man and a member of Typographical Union No. 3. Mr. Mullaney is also Secretary of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and a member of the Moose, Hibernians, Woodmen of the World, Personal Liberty League and the Main Street Merchants' Association.

timement of hostility toward Germany on the part of the great mass of Americans.

"For years prior to the war Germany had played this same game in England, France, Belgium and Russia."

"Not the least of the many vicious phases of German foreign policy which the war has uncovered is the systematic effort which she has made, through diplomatic representatives and secret agents, to influence the public sentiment of the peoples of other countries in her favor."

"Just now we are having another demonstration in this country of 'Made in Germany' peace-at-any-price propaganda."

"Considering the fact that Germany's recently announced policy of ruthless submarine warfare was in effect a declaration of war against the United States, the peace-at-any-price agitation now going on comes pretty close to being treason."

"The purpose of those who inspired this movement is to create such a division in public sentiment that the President will be handicapped in his efforts to protect American lives and property from German frightfulness."

"It is hoped to build up in Congress a hostile sentiment against the President, so that when the time comes for him to ask Congress to authorize him to act against Germany in defense of our rights, the authorization either will be refused or granted so grudgingly that he will hesitate to act, fearing that at some critical moment he will not be supported."

"We do not mean to say that every-one connected with this peace-at-any-price movement is in German pay, or under German influence."

"It would be less dangerous than it is if they all were."

"Unfortunately the Bryans, Pinchots, Bigelows and some others who are

lending their influence to this German-inspired agitation are sincere."

"They are so infatuated with the pacifist idea that they have lost all sense of proportion, and are incapable of appreciating that the future safety of this nation depends upon the unanimity and energy with which the President is supported in whatever action Germany forces him to take."

"There does not seem to be any way just at this time to interfere officially with the machinations of the German agents and those who have been deluded into helping them poison American public sentiment."

"But those of use who believe that it is our duty to stand by the President, now that the issue between our country and Germany has been clearly defined, should refuse to attend peace-at-any-price meetings or to sign peace-at-any-price petitions."

"We should realize that there is no surer way for a nation to be dragged into war than to advertise to other nations its weakness and cowardice."

"The decision as to whether there is to be war between this nation and Germany rests with Germany."

"It passed from us when President Wilson recalled Gerard from Germany and gave Bernstorff his passports."

"Unless we assume that Germany has determined to force us into the war, isn't it reasonable to figure that Germany is less likely to take the fatal step if she knows that there is no division among the American people in their determination to support the President to the limit?"

The Times-Star of February 22, 1917, in its leading news article, prints the following:

"New York, Feb. 22.—City officials today were investigating charges that the food riots of the past two days are the direct result of a plot instigated by German agents. It is reported that

Hitchens Failed to Make Good

When He Was Soliciting Votes a Few Weeks Ago, He Promised the Members of the Central Labor Council That He Would Force The Labor Advocate to Retract the Statement That He Visited Stough's Meeting, But He Must Have Forgot It, Now That He Is Elected.

If one were to judge by the actions of those delegates last Tuesday night who, for the past several weeks, have sought to destroy the usefulness of the Central Labor Council, it would seem that they have gone through and experienced a chastening process.

Those delegates who have endeavored to use the Central Labor Council as the tail to Bigelowism and dualism, undoubtedly have had their attention called to the messages contained in THE ADVOCATE.

In giving space to the proceedings of that body there has been only one object back of it all, and that is that it was unfair to the genuine trade union movement in the city of Cincinnati. That it tended to wreck that movement by a few disturbers who desired to foist their isms and foibles upon the great mass of true and conscientious trades unionists of this city.

Two weeks ago the delegates, upon arriving at the regular meeting hall, found a neatly printed card, which stated that a certain individual would demand a retraction from the editor of THE ADVOCATE for having made a certain statement. That statement was to the effect that "Sister" E. L. Hitchens had been seen going in to hear the alleged evangelist, a certain Mr. Stough, at the seab tabernacle on Gilbert avenue.

Hitchens distributed these cards before the election, and harangued the delegates by assuring them that, on the following Thursday night, he would appear before the Building Trades Council and force them to retract the statement that he attended certain Christian services on Walnut Hills. On that representation he secured a lot of votes. But, lo and behold, he never made either promise good.

As is well known, the Tabernacle was placed on the "unfair" list by the Building Trades Council, and Mr. Hitchens had a perfect right to go there quite as many times as he pleased. It did not necessarily mean that he should live outwardly the thoughts as expressed by the organized labor movement.

This is a free country, and if Mr. Hitchens believes that he is right when he whoops it up for a dual State federation of labor, or intimates or tries to disrupt the Central Labor Council, then it becomes the business of every loyal and true trades unionist in this State and in the city of Cincinnati.

What men do in private life we have nothing to do with, but when he or any one else, in their public action and public utterances, flaunts disruption into the faces of those who have made the labor movement what it is today, then it is OUR business to give publicity to those facts.

As Mr. Hitchens is quite "long" on preachments, THE ADVOCATE would call his attention to the following, which appears in the Holy Bible:

"He that is not with me is against me. He that gathereth not with me, scattereth."

prominent German propagandists have advanced \$20,000 for the support of the riots in hopes that a food embargo may be declared, thereby embarrassing the allied nations. Two w men who have been prominent in lead the outbursts of the East Side mothers are alleged to have received large sums for their work."

So far as Cincinnati is concerned, the gang that is putting up the money for the advertising of the American Union

When Mr. Hitchens, as proven by his past actions in the labor movement, continues his present course, he quite forcibly demonstrates that he has no hesitancy in trying to scatter the organized labor movement whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself, whatever he may say to the contrary notwithstanding.

And what is more, he has allied himself with a few others who assuredly come in under the "scattered" group. With them it is not a question of right and justice quite so much as it is a question of RULE OR RUIN.

As an exuder of words and preachments it is to be doubted whether Mr. Hitchens has an equal in the country. It is yet to be noted where he has advanced to the organized labor movement a single idea which contained a single grain of practicability. And yet, almost without exception, he takes the floor of Central Labor Council, enters into a lengthy dissertation, which, in the finality, never takes the earnest and sincere men and women of that body anywhere toward the goal for which they are striving and laboring with might and main.

If "Sister" Hitchens desires to back up what he said on those cards which he passed around at Central Labor Council, it would afford THE ADVOCATE satisfaction to print the sworn affidavit of the man or men who declare that they did observe him do just what we stated he did in a previous issue of this paper.

The organized labor movement of Cincinnati could do no worse than to see to it that Mr. Hitchens be offered some kind of inducement to let the movement go on about its legitimate business.

Whenever his infantile mind conceives the thought that it is high time to spew words, then all business, it matters not what is before the delegates, must step down and out, to the end that a "sermon," a la Stough, may be preached and the attention of those present be distracted from the purpose which had brought them together.

Yes, it was a chastened few who meekly remembered what Organizer Grant Hamilton said. It evidently percolated, and that there is hope for a brighter and better future was evidenced in the fact that not the slightest "peep" was heard. This may pre-empt new machinations and new diverting influences.

Be that as it may, the business transacted on last Tuesday evening is the best evidence of what can be done when "evangelists" and would-be exhorters keep their bazoo clamped good and tight.

The organized labor movement of Cincinnati and vicinity would prosper and grow were this golden silence to continue.

Let us all hope and pray that it will.

against militarism is headed by Howard Wurlitzer, and he is ably supported by other "dollar-down-and-dollar-a-week" fellows; ex-money lenders; pawnbrokers, etc., who would find their business in a very precarious condition if America should assert its rights. The agitating end of the game is handled by Daniel Kiefer, ex-money lender; Herbert Bigelow, ex-man of God; Frank Bell, ex-member of the Central Labor Council, and the entire Bigelow contingent.